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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) WO 98/20404
- (2) JP 3045580


Documents (1) and (2) were cited in a Japanese Office Action, dated December 6, 2005, during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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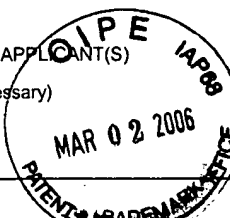
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	<b>98/20404</b>	<b>05/1998</b>	<b>WO</b>				
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